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This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (currently amended) A storage subsystem, comprising:

a plurality of channel adapters that each ~~control~~ controls the exchange of data with a host device;

a plurality of storage device groups that each ~~provide~~ provides a logical storage region;

a plurality of disk adapters that each ~~control~~ controls the exchange of data with each of the storage device groups;

a cache memory that is used by each of the channel adapters and each of the disk adapters;

a plurality of cache partition regions constituted by logically partitioning the cache memory; and

a control memory that stores management information for managing each of the cache partition regions,

wherein the management information is constituted by both a plurality of partition management information items provided in each of that is used to independently manage corresponding ones of the cache partition regions, and common management information that is used to manage a plurality of applied to all of the cache partition regions.

2. (currently amended) The storage subsystem according to claim

1, wherein the partition management information ~~items~~ and the common

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management information are established based on the basis of the attribute of  
a cache management unit an indication of a kind of status in which data is  
stored in an area of the cache partition region.

3. (currently amended) The storage subsystem according to claim  
1, wherein:

the management information is constituted by submanagement  
information of a plurality of types; and

the partition management information items ~~are~~ constituted by  
partitioning, based on the basis of the attribute of a cache management  
unit an indication of a kind of status in which data is stored in an area of the  
cache partition region, some of the submanagement information items for  
each of the cache partition regions, the remainder of the submanagement  
information items ~~being~~ used as the common management information.

4. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ storage subsystem according to  
claim 1, comprising:

a plurality of channel adapters that each controls the exchange of data  
with a host device;

a plurality of storage device groups that each provides a logical storage  
region;

a plurality of disk adapters that each controls the exchange of data with  
each of the storage device groups;

a cache memory that is used by each of the channel adapters and  
each of the disk adapters;

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a plurality of cache partition regions constituted by logically partitioning the cache memory; and

a control memory that stores management information for managing each of the cache partition regions,

wherein the management information is constituted by partition management information items corresponding to the cache partition regions, and common management information that is applied to all of the cache partition regions, wherein:

wherein the management information is constituted by comprising queues of a plurality of types, and counters that are associated with each of the queues; and

wherein the partition management information item are constituted by providing some of the queues and counters in each of the cache partition regions based on the basis of the attribute of a cache management unit an indication of a kind of status in which data is stored in an area of the cache partition region, the remainder of the queues and the remainder of the counters being used as the common management information.

5. (currently amended) The storage subsystem according to claim 4, wherein one of a first queue of the mutually-associated queue queues and a first counter of the counter-counters, which is associated with said first queue, constitutes the partition management information, and the other is used as the common management information.

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6. (original) The storage subsystem according to claim 4,

wherein a queue management table is associated with each queue, and the queue management table associated with a queue that constitutes the partition management information is provided in each of the cache partition regions.

7. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A storage subsystem, comprising:

a plurality of channel adapters that each controls the exchange of data with a host device;

a plurality of storage device groups that each provides a logical storage region;

a plurality of disk adapters that each controls the exchange of data with each of the storage device groups;

a cache memory that is used by each of the channel adapters and each of the disk adapters;

a plurality of cache partition regions constituted by logically partitioning the cache memory; and

a control memory that stores management information for managing each of the cache partition regions.

wherein the management information is constituted by partition management information items corresponding to the cache partition regions, and common management information that is applied to all of the cache partition regions according to claim 1, wherein:

wherein the management information is constituted comprising includes:

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a free queue to which a cache management unit in an unused state is connected and a free queue counter associated with the free queue;

a dirty queue to which a cache management unit for storing data in a dirty state prior to reflection in the storage device group is connected and a dirty queue counter associated with the dirty queue;

a clean queue to which a cache management unit for storing data in a clean state that has been reflected in the storage device group is connected and a clean queue counter associated with the clean queue; and

an in-use counter that counts the total capacity of the in-use areas in the cache memory management unit;

wherein the free queue counter, the clean queue, the clean queue counter and the in-use counter are provided in each of the cache partition regions and each constitute the partition management information; and

wherein the free queue, the dirty queue, and the dirty queue counter are used as the common management information.

8. (original) The storage subsystem according to claim 1, wherein each of the cache partition regions can be established for each of the channel adapters.

9. (original) The storage subsystem according to claim 1, wherein one cache partition region among the cache partition regions is established as a common region and a new cache partition region is established by allocating resources belonging to the common region.

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10. (currently amended) A method for controlling a storage

subsystem that comprises:

a plurality of upper interface control units that each ~~control~~ controls the exchange of data with a host device;

a plurality of storage device groups that each ~~provide~~ provides a logical storage region;

a plurality of lower interface control units that each ~~control~~ controls the exchange of data with each of the storage device groups; and

a memory section that is used by each of the upper interface control units and each of the lower interface control units,

the method comprising the steps of:

partitioning a cache region provided by the memory section into a plurality of cache partition regions;

~~partitioning wherein~~ management information for each of ~~corresponding to the cache partition regions is provided for independently managing each of the cache partition regions and common management information is provided for managing a plurality of the cache partition regions in accordance with the attribute of a cache management unit for managing data in the memory section; and~~

independently managing data in each of the cache partition regions based on the basis of each of the management information items ~~partition management information and managing data in a plurality of the cache partition region based on the common management information.~~